

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 479

By Hood

A RESOLUTION to commend Ashley Christina DeSabetino for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Christina DeSabetino is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for the Honorable Representative John Hood; Ashley's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted, as well as her illustrious staff member, Todd Staley, the House Calendar and Rules Committee, and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, she shared her office with fellow interns, Erin Chambers and David Medici. Together, through a cohesive work relationship, the three established a highly efficient and conscientious office charged with supporting the duties of the House Calendar and Rules Committee; and

WHEREAS, as a student at Middle Tennessee State University, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Ashley has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science with a concentration in Pre-Law, and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, Ashley graduated with Distinguished Honors from Oakland High School in 2004; graduated from Youth Leadership Rutherford; as a student at MTSU, she has made the Dean's list, and has been inducted as a member into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Lambda Sigma Honor Society, Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, and Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, she has distinguished herself by being a member of the Rho Omicron Chapter of the Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority at Middle Tennessee State University since 2004; and

WHEREAS, she served diligently as an intern in the Office of Greek Life, raising \$2,750 by herself for the Greek Life Programming Board and serving as the Editor of the newsletter; and

WHEREAS, Ashley has further shown her dedication to the Greek Life at Middle Tennessee State University by serving on the Greek Life Task Force to develop a Statement of Relationship between the University and the Greek system; and

WHEREAS, Ashley was recently elected to the position of Vice President of Administration and Public Affairs for the 70th Congress of the Student Government Association; Ashley has previously served as a Senator of Liberal Arts, Chair of the SGA Student Life Committee, and coordinated Black.White. at MTSU; and

WHEREAS, her interest in law led her to participate on the Mock Trial Team, serving as Team Captain in the Fall of 2006; and

WHEREAS, Ashley was picked “Most Likely to Become a Lobbyist” by the 2007 Legislative Intern Class; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her duties as legislative intern, it is also well-known that she is frequently working on multiple projects, is constantly in search of snacks, and is in desperate need of a dictionary; and

WHEREAS, she is also very grateful for the love and support she shares with her family: her parents, John and Crystal Hopkins, and Richard John DeSabetino, Jr.; her brother, Jacob; and her grandparents, Marie and the late Richard McCuiston and Richard and Dolores DeSabetino; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Ms. DeSabetino brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2007 session of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2007 legislative session, Ashley DeSabetino has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; she has gained great respect for the work of Representative John Hood, and grateful appreciation for the assistance and advice of committee staff members Todd Staley, Ann Radford, John Davis, and Tuwania Malden; and

WHEREAS, Ms. DeSabetino has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Ashley Christina DeSabetino for outstanding service as a legislative intern for the House Calendar and Rules Committee and its officers, Representatives Larry Miller, Chairman; John Hood, Vice-Chairman; and Nathan Vaughn, Secretary, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success, including pursuing her goal of a career in government relations and lobbying.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.